



PROPOSED ALL WEATHER NETS AND PRACTICE FACILITIES to be located at

WATERLOOVILLE CRICKET CLUB , WATERLOOVILLE RECREATION GROUND , ROWLANDS AVENUE , WATERLOOVILLE.

Waterlooville Cricket Club is urgently in need of improved cricket nets and practice facilities to support our thriving existing junior cricket section and to actively encourage increased junior membership from within the local community. We currently have junior membership of approximately 60 active members which we are aiming to increase by a minimum of 30% over the next two years. We run junior sides in 4 different age groups from ages 9 to 15 with all groups competing in their respective South East Hampshire junior leagues. In addition the club has three senior sides competing in the Hampshire League.

Four years ago the club received the prestigious Clubmark accreditation ,which has re-confirmed last year, and out ground facilities have been approved as suitable for Southern League membership.

The project is to install 2 new all weather surface nets covering an area of 361 square metres. The playing surface, plus nets and supporting posts will be designed to blend into the site and cause minimum environmental impact. All the construction will be to full English Cricket Board (ECB) specifications and constructed by an ECB approved supplier.

To prevent vandalism we plan to erect a 3.6 metre high weld mesh security fence around the perimeter of the nets. This will also be designed to blend in with the site. A supplier quote detailing the proposal is included.

We have considered other options to improve our practice facilities and these are detailed elsewhere in the application together with our reasons for rejecting these.

The project has been discussed with various representatives from Havant Borough council and the local community. The proposal is to site the nets outside of the existing playing area boundary in approximately the same position as the two existing practice strips which have been in place for some years but which are no longer serviceable. There will be obstructions to any paths or other rights of way, and as detailed elsewhere there is adequate clearance from the boundaries of the existing football pitches

Agreement to the proposal will meet all our practice requirements for the foreseeable future and allow the club to offer significantly improved supervised practice facilities to both existing and new junior members both in the evenings and during school holidays. It would also be our plan to offer the use of the facilities to schools and other sports club as high quality practice facilities for cricket are not generally available in the local area.